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RIFT IN THE EARTH CRUST
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about large number of incidents of rift developing in the earth crust in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any investigation in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) whether the Government has formulated any plan; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) No, Sir.

However, Geological Survey of India (GSI) has received reports of ground fissures/cracks that have developed over parts of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand in the recent past mainly due to fluctuation in the ground water table.Further,these events were considered to be not associated with earthquakes as the seismic networks of the Indo-Gangetic plains did not record any earthquake during the reported time of their occurrence.

(b)- (f) Does not arise.